



SIGURD ANDERSON  
GOVERNOR

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### P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the real wealth of our nation lies in the hands and minds of its citizens who labor for the advancement of science, education and industry; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Alva Edison personifies the great progress which can result when one such person utilizes his knowledge and abilities for the benefit of all under a system of government which encourages individual initiative; and

WHEREAS, his contributions to America's scientific and industrial growth are exemplified by the incandescent light, the phonograph and the motion picture camera to name but a few of his 1,097 patented inventions which are in use throughout the world today; and

WHEREAS, his inventions and discoveries created new industries which provided employment and raised our living standards to unprecedented heights; and

WHEREAS, February 11th, 1952, marks the 105th birthday anniversary of this great American inventor whose birthday is observed internationally,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 11th, 1952, the inventor's birthday, as

THOMAS ALVA EDISON DAY

in South Dakota, in fitting tribute to the memory of the man people throughout the countries of the world honor as their benefactor, and I urge all citizens to consider the significant part which Thomas Alva Edison played in making their lives richer and more enjoyable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 2nd day of February, 1952.

Sigurd Anderson  
Governor

ATTEST:

Geraldine Ostroff  
Secretary of State

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